

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7, 8, and 11-16 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 9 are independent claims. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 16 stand allowed. By this Amendment, claim 9 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 11, and 12 are amended. Claim 2 is amended to correct an informality, claim 11 is amended to correct its dependency due to the cancellation of claim 9, and allowable claim 12 is amended to be rewritten in independent form. Thus, no new matter is added that would require further consideration and/or search.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 16 stand allowed (page 3, par. 1). Claim 12 is indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. As claim 12 is rewritten in independent form, all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim Objections

Claims 2 and 9 are objected to due to informalities. Specifically, claim 2 is objected to because "the memory card lacks antecedent basis. Claim 9 is objected to because "touch screen" lacks antecedent basis.

Because claims 2 and 9 are amended to correct the informalities, withdrawal of the objections is requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,594,723 to Chapman et al. ("Chapman") in view of U.S. Patent 6,114,318 to Hayashi et al. ("Hayashi"). As claim 9 is cancelled, the rejection is moot.

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chapman in view of Hayashi and further in view of US Patent 6,768,942 to Chojnacki. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 11 is allowable for its dependency on allowable claim 12, as well as for the additional features recited therein. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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